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SUBJ: IAEA ADVISORY GROUP ON OKLO PHENOMENON

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR RECENT U.S. INITIATIVE CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER IAEA AUSPICES TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER THE QUESTION OF NATURAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, SUCH AS OKLO PHENOMENON. TO THIS END, AGENCY PLANS CONVENE MEETING OF TWO CONSULTANTS FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS DURING FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER 1976 TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION FOR ADVISORY GROUP MEETING, TO BE CONVENED IN EARLY DECEMBER 1976. AGENCY PROPOSES MR. COWAN FROM LASL AND MR. NAUDET FROM FRENCH CEA AS TWO CONSULTANTS TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER. AGENCY PREPARED PROVIDE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES.

2. FYI. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH POLLIART, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF NUCLEAR POWER AND REACTORS, HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO DIFFICULTY IF U.S. WISHED TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER CONSULTANT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT COWAN PLAYED LEADING ROLE DURING SYMPOSIUM ON OKLO PHENOMENON HELD LAST YEAR.

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END FYI.

3. ADVISORY GROUP MEETING IN DECEMBER WOULD CONSIST OF ABOUT TEN EXPERTS SELECTED BY INTERESTED MEMBER STATES UPON RECOMMENDATION OF AFOREMENTIONED CONSULTANTS. TASK OF ADVISORY GROUP WOULD BE TO DEFINE ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE AND A SEVERAL-YEARS PROGRAM. IT WOULD ALSO BECOME NUCLEUS OF A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD BE SET UP IN 1977.

4. COPY OF LETTER POUCHED AMMONS/ERDA. PLEASE ADVISE.STONE

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